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SUBJECT: FOREIGN OFFICE COMMENT ON GERMAN ATTITUDE
TOWARD US-FRG TALKS

1. DURING A MEETING RELATED PRINCIPALLY TO OTHER
SUBJECTS, GENSCHER'S AIDE, KLAUS KINKEL, ASKED THE
POLITICAL COUNSELOR ABOUT US VIEWS REGARDING PRO-
LIFERATION IN THE LIGHT OF THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT
STATEMENT ON US DOMESTIC CURTAILMENT OF PLUTONIUM.

2. THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT, WHILE WE
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HAD NOT REACTED AS STRONGLY AS WE MIGHT HAVE TO THE
GERMAN RELEASE OF BLUE PRINTS FOR BRAZIL, NOTHING HAD
CHANGED WITH REGARD TO OUR FUNDAMENTAL ATTITUDE ON
THE DANGERS OF PROLIFERATION. HE SAID THE PRESIDENT'S
STATEMENT ON US DOMESTIC NUCLEAR DEVELOPMENT HAD
ILLUSTRATED THIS, AND HE URGED DR. KINKEL TO READ
THAT STATEMENT, AND THE SUBSEQUENT EXCHANGES WITH THE

PRESS, WITH GREAT CARE.

3. KINKEL SAID THAT GERMAN POLICY ON THIS MATTER HAD BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTORS' MEETING. IN THAT MEETING, IT HAD BEEN RECOGNIZED THAT APPROVAL OF THE BLUE PRINT EXPORTS HAD BEEN AS FAR AS THE FRG COULD GO AT THIS TIME WITHOUT DAMAGING ITS RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. HE SAID THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD CAUTIONED EVERYBODY AT THE MEETING THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO PRESS PLAY SUGGESTING THAT THIS WAS A "VICTORY" FOR THE FRG. INSTEAD, THE MINISTER AND THE DIRECTORS HAD AGREED THAT THE FRG SHOULD NOT AND COULD NOT TAKE ANY FURTHER STEPS AT THIS MOMENT.

4. AT THAT SAME MEETING, KINKEL SAID, STATE SECRETARY HERMES HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ACT "WITH RESTRAINT" IN HIS NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES. KINKEL ADDED THAT THE FRG WISHED TO USE THE TIME GAINED BY THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSES IN ORDER TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES ON NON-PROLIFERATION MATTERS IN THE SPIRIT OF REACHING SOME MUTUALLY AGREEABLE SOLUTION.

5. COMMENT: KINKEL IS NOT AN EXPERT ON NUCLEAR MATTERS, BUT IS VERY CLOSE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER. THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT GO INTO DETAIL ON GERMAN POSITIONS (AND HAD NO OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO), HIS REMARKS SHOULD OFFER SOME GUIDANCE ON THE GENERAL GERMAN ATTITUDE. STOESEL.

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